

## Standards of Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools

### Summary of Changes as Result of Public Comment Period

- Curriculum to be reviewed annually
- Smart Core and Common Core include the addition of one math for a total of four (4) being required for graduation; Smart Core requires students to take an upper level math course at grade 11 or 12. A waiver process is introduced for students not in Smart Core course of study
- English Language Acquisition Standards are required to be used for all ELL students at all grade levels
- Reading, writing and mathematics is required to be incorporated into all curriculum areas. Instruction in each content area must occur annually
- Upon ADE approval, courses taught in grades 5-8 may be offered for high school graduation credit.
- 38 units must be taught each year
- Weighted credit for AP courses are contingent upon the teacher receiving training and the student take the appropriate AP exam
- Graduation requirements increase to twenty-two (22) as identified with the implementation of Smart Core[clarification is needed (7th grade class of 2004-2005 or 9th grade class of 2004-2005)]